

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for automatically configuring a client device for communication with a service provider, the method comprising:

selecting a service provider by a user on the client device, wherein the user selects the service provider from a plurality of service providers;

entering user information data on the client device, wherein the user information data can be used by one of the plurality of service providers to create configuration data for the client device used to configure the client device to access the service provider.

accessing the service provider by the client device and providing user information data to the service provider;

receiving at the client device configuration data from the service provider; and

configuring the client device based on the configuration data.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user information data comprises user identification data and user location data.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user information data comprises an XML data stream.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a format for the user information data is the same for each of the plurality of service providers.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of accessing the service provider comprises accessing a server associated with the service provider.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein accessing the server associated with the service provider comprises a URL query.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the configuration data comprises server data, communication data and user login data.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the configuration data comprises an XML data stream.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing in a memory unit of the client device the configuration data.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the client device provides the user information data in a first data structure, wherein the service provider communicates in a second data structure; the method further comprising:

providing by the service provider to a translation network device the user information data in the first data structure;

converting on the translation network device the user information data from the first data structure to the second data structure; and

providing by the translation network device the user information data in the second data structure to the service provider.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the first data structure comprises an XML data structure.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the second data structure comprises an HTML data structure.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the translation network device comprises a translator server in communication with the service provider.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
providing the configuration data in the second data structure to the translation network device;
converting the configuration data from the second data structure to the first data structure by the translation network device; and
sending the configuration data in the first data structure from the translation network device to the service provider; wherein the step of providing by the service provider the configuration data to the client device comprises providing the configuration data in the first data structure.

15. (Previously Presented) A system for automatically configuring a client device for communication with a service provider, the system comprising:

the client device arranged to:

query a user for a service provider, wherein the client device is arranged to provide a user with an ability to select one of a plurality of service providers;

query the user for user information data;

send the user information data to the service provider selected by the user wherein the user information data can be used by one of the plurality of service providers to create configuration data used to configure the client device;

receive configuration data from the service provider selected by the user;

use the received configuration data to configure an internal application; and

establish a communication session with the service provider selected by the user;

the plurality of service providers in communication with the client device, each service provider arranged to:

create the configuration data upon receipt of the user information data, based on the user information data; and

send the configuration data to the client device.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the client device is further arranged to send the user information data to one of the plurality of service providers in a first data structure, and the plurality of service providers is further arranged to send the configuration data to the client device in the first data structure.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the first data structure is an XML data structure.

18. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the plurality of service providers is arranged to communicate in the first data structure.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the plurality of service providers is further arranged to:

communicate in a second data structure;

communicate with a translator network device arranged to:

receive data in the first data structure from one of the plurality service providers;

translate the data in the first data structure to data in the second data structure;

send the data in the second data structure to one of the plurality service providers.

receive data in the second data structure;

translate the data in the second data structure to data in the first data structure; and

send the data in the first data structure to the one of the plurality of service providers.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the second data structure comprises an HTML data structure.

21. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the translator network device comprises a translator server.

22. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the data translated from the first data structure to the second data structure comprises the user information data.

23. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the data translated from the second data structure to the first data structure comprises the configuration data.

24. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the translator network device is further arranged to:

communicate with the client device;

receive the data in the first data structure from the client device; and

send the data in the first data structure to the client device.